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USING A GAME RULES SCRIPT

## COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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The Notice of Allowance dated August 5, 2011 provided an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Applicant agrees with the Reasons for Allowance to the extent that the recitations of the claims of the present application are described as allowable over the prior art of record. However, Applicant notes that some of the elements that were listed in the Reasons for Allowance as not being taught or suggested in the prior art are not recited in each of the allowed claims. Applicant traverses the Reasons for Allowance to the extent that they imply any limitation or additional element beyond the recitations expressly recited or incorporated in a particular claim, or otherwise limit the scope of the allowed claims.

## CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully maintain that the allowed claims are in condition for issuance. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' representative at (612) 371-2110 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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